

Amendments to the Specification:

Page 6, replace the replacement paragraph of the paragraph on lines 1-19, with the following rewritten paragraph:--

Sensor device 20 is mounted in loading container 5 of the preceding storage car at its rear end 19 for continuously sensing the filling state so that it may determine a maximally acceptable height h_{max} of bulk material pile 18. In the preferred embodiment, the sensor device is a contactless laser distance measuring device 21 which continuously senses bulk material pile 18. However, the sensor device may take any desired form, such as an optical eye or a mechanically operated sensor. In the illustrated embodiment, loading container 5 further comprises a device 22 for measuring conveying path of the bottom conveyor band, which is indicated in FIG. 4 by arrow w shown in broken lines. The conveying path measuring device 22 is connected to sensor device 20, 21 in a circuit comprising central control 23 for automatically actuating drives 7, 13 for the bottom and transfer conveyor bands, power being delivered to the actuating drives from power source 24. Such a freight train has been disclosed and claimed in copending U. S. patent application ~~Serial No. 10/622,292, filed concurrently and corresponding to Austrian GM 495/2002, filed July 23, 2002~~ No. 6,892,648.--